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State of Utah Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 4241 State Office Building Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Thomas N. Tetting Attn:

Engineering Geologist

Final Approval and Surety for

Desert Mound Mine ACT/021/083

Iron County, Utah

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Tetting:

Enclosed is a Surety Bond Form MR5 executed by United States Steel Corporation. Please note that the Exhibit A referenced in the second paragraph of the surety form has not been attached because I do not have a copy of the property description for the permitted area. If your office does not have a sufficient description of the 284 acres under bond in the permit application, please contact me and we will supply the necessary information.

Finally, I owe you an apology. This matter apparently came to me some months ago and simply got lost in my office. I apologize for my tardiness and wish to assure you that I am wholly responsible. Mr. Ashdown and our Western Ore Operations are not in the least responsible for this late filing. I apologize and hope that in the future I will be more responsive on behalf of United States Steel.

If I may be of further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

Blair M. Gardner

Attorney

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